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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES, INC.
SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE, AND ERISA
LITIGATION;

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Securities Action, 08 Civ. 2793 (RWS)
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BRUCE S. SHERMAN,

Plaintiff,

-against- Index No.
09 Civ. 8161 (RWS)

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC., JAMES CAYNE,
WARREN SPECTOR and DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP,
Defendants.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Videotaped oral deposition of
GEORGE SIMEONE, taken pursuant to
notice, was held at the law offices of
BOIES SCHILLER & FLEXNER LLP, 575
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commencing December 19, 2014, 9:31 a.m.,
on the above date, before Leslie Fagin,
a Court Reporter and Notary Public in
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 2 significant in terms of the total portfolio.
 3 I don't recall the level.
 4 Q. When you say, not overly
 5 significant, what do you mean?
 6 A. There is nothing, as I said,
 7 compared to what we saw in other similar
 8 firms that were having similar disclosure, we
 9 were not seeing any trend, we were lower,
 10 higher. It just seemed similar in size, not
 11 something unanticipated, given the market
 12 shift.
 13 Q. When you talk about the comparison
 14 with other firms, how was that comparison
 15 done?
 16 A. First of all, we were the auditors
 17 of other clients, Merrill Lynch and Bear
 18 Stearns, but the public filings, I read the
 19 public filings of the other companies every
 20 quarter, looking for what was evolving in
 21 their disclosures, particularly, it was the
 22 first year of FAS 157, so we were all
 23 interested in how it was panning out and were
 24 we consistent because it was definitely a new
 25 standard, so just reading other 10-Ks and

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 2 10-Qs, reading analyst reports and rating
 3 agency reports that were also analyzing the
 4 companies.
 5 Q. Anything else you recall?
 6 A. No.
 7 Q. Did you do anything to compare the
 8 nature of the securities held by those
 9 different firms?
 10 A. It's not possible. We don't have
 11 the underlying information.
 12 Q. What about for different firms
 13 where Deloitte performed the audits?
 14 A. Not possible, once again, because
 15 we don't share across clients, we have a
 16 confidentiality, teams are not allowed to
 17 share information, other than theoretical
 18 discussions.
 19 Q. Were you the concurring audit
 20 partner on any firms while you were the lead
 21 audit partner for Bear Stearns?
 22 A. I believe I was concurring view
 23 partner on other clients, not any of the five
 24 or six larger dealers, but more regional
 25 firms.

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 2 Q. What regional firms?
 3 A. Charles Schwab, AG Edwards are
 4 probably the two big ones. I had a lot of
 5 responsibility for other smaller clients that
 6 would be more retail oriented.
 7 Q. Just so our record is clear, can
 8 you describe what level 2 is under 157?
 9 A. Level 2 would be assets that we
 10 have observable inputs to a standard industry
 11 model, so the view was that you're using some
 12 form of cash flow model. It could be as
 13 simple as a bond or mortgaged-backed
 14 securities where you have to project things
 15 such as prepayment fees and other
 16 assumptions, but those assumptions are
 17 readily available in the market.
 18 Q. And level 3?
 19 A. Level 3, again, is where you start
 20 to have things, more management judgment in
 21 selecting the input to the model because it's
 22 harder to find the depth of independent data
 23 to use in the model, so there is a range
 24 usually, and management has to pick within
 25 the range, so it's more subjective.

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 2 Q. You talk about a selection of the
 3 input for the model.
 4 What about the selection of the
 5 model used for level 3?
 6 A. Most of the models, I would say,
 7 were fairly standard, they were all cash flow
 8 modeling with or option models. Often, you
 9 had option models, so you were using fairly
 10 standard techniques, whether it is
 11 Black-Scholes, binomial model, Monte Carlo
 12 simulations, those were the three typical
 13 models used, and they were used, I think,
 14 readily throughout most of the firms, we own
 15 the software that modeled it the same way, so
 16 it was more the judgment on the inputs that
 17 could be more complicated, things like
 18 volatility that may not be observable because
 19 the underlying asset is not as actively
 20 traded.
 21 Q. What observable input? Let's start
 22 with models instead of the inputs. What
 23 standard models were used in level 2 for
 24 Bear's mortgage-backed securities?
 25 A. Basically, cash flow projections

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 G. Simeone - Confidential</p> <p>2 and discounting cash flows.</p> <p>3 Q. Anything else?</p> <p>4 A. There was, obviously, options in</p> <p>5 mortgages, so they may have used a binomial</p> <p>6 model or Monte Carlo or Black-Scholes models,</p> <p>7 as I said earlier.</p> <p>8 Q. Anything else?</p> <p>9 A. Those would be the standard ones.</p> <p>10 I'm sure there were some smaller class that</p> <p>11 might have had something different. I can't</p> <p>12 speak to all of them, but those were the ones</p> <p>13 that were for, I would say, the majority of</p> <p>14 the asset class.</p> <p>15 Q. What were the observable inputs</p> <p>16 that were used for that level 2</p> <p>17 mortgage-backed securities?</p> <p>18 A. It could vary. I would say the</p> <p>19 standard thing used in a mortgage-backed</p> <p>20 valuation would be the current interest rate,</p> <p>21 prepayment speed assumption, default rate of</p> <p>22 the underlying mortgages.</p> <p>23 Q. Anything else?</p> <p>24 A. There are some time decay</p> <p>25 assumptions. I forget the term used, but</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 G. Simeone - Confidential</p> <p>2 flows for life, so if you invest and you are</p> <p>3 wanting to hold that long term, you may not</p> <p>4 receive all the cash flows, the person has</p> <p>5 the optionality, so what's the time horizon</p> <p>6 going to be there, so you have an assumption</p> <p>7 of how long, so it's kind of tied in the</p> <p>8 prepaid speed assumption, is the way I would</p> <p>9 describe it.</p> <p>10 The time decay is on the options</p> <p>11 side, so an option will expire, it has a</p> <p>12 period, if you don't exercise, you're giving</p> <p>13 up value, the longer the option period,</p> <p>14 that's the time decay component. Sorry if I</p> <p>15 wasn't clear on that.</p> <p>16 Q. So what you described as prepayment</p> <p>17 speed assumption would be on a 30-year</p> <p>18 mortgage, 13 years you used as an example,</p> <p>19 right?</p> <p>20 A. Correct.</p> <p>21 Q. Now, for these observable inputs,</p> <p>22 what current interest rate would be used?</p> <p>23 A. You would use a risk-free interest</p> <p>24 rate, typically tied to an instrument similar</p> <p>25 to it, so for a 30-year mortgage, you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 G. Simeone - Confidential</p> <p>2 they are very insignificant. It's just the</p> <p>3 time value of money. It comes out in the</p> <p>4 present value calculation, but those were the</p> <p>5 primary assumptions for a mortgage security.</p> <p>6 I'm taking a standard mortgage security. So</p> <p>7 volatility would be an example. When you're</p> <p>8 in an option, that's the one difference, is</p> <p>9 volatility is going to be a different</p> <p>10 assumption. You still need risk-free rates</p> <p>11 and things like that.</p> <p>12 Q. Help me with understanding the time</p> <p>13 decay input?</p> <p>14 A. If, over time, the value will</p> <p>15 accrete on a bond if all the cash flows are</p> <p>16 there, so if you have a 30-year mortgage and</p> <p>17 you are planning to get cash flows for 30</p> <p>18 years, your first issue is, is the mortgage</p> <p>19 going to be outstanding for 30 years, so you</p> <p>20 have to make some estimate of a typical</p> <p>21 30-year mortgage today gets prepaid, maybe in</p> <p>22 good times, maybe not today, but I think you</p> <p>23 might find a 30-year mortgage was paid in 17</p> <p>24 years, on average, or they get refinanced,</p> <p>25 which is another way they don't have the cash</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 G. Simeone - Confidential</p> <p>2 typically use a 30-year treasury.</p> <p>3 Q. For shorter mortgages?</p> <p>4 A. Ten year, seven year, if you got</p> <p>5 down to an ARM with a one year, you might use</p> <p>6 a LIBOR one-year rate, so something that is</p> <p>7 comparable, very visible rate publicly</p> <p>8 available.</p> <p>9 Q. And prepayment speed assumptions,</p> <p>10 where would those observable inputs come</p> <p>11 from?</p> <p>12 A. You are talking about a company</p> <p>13 that services more mortgages than anyone, so</p> <p>14 they see the prepayments. They also obtain</p> <p>15 other services, all contribute data to</p> <p>16 pricing vendors that gather the data from a</p> <p>17 number of the services, so Countrywide, at</p> <p>18 the time, was a huge servicer, a couple of</p> <p>19 other big banks would provide data and</p> <p>20 publicly -- Bloomberg published on the</p> <p>21 standard mortgages what was the average</p> <p>22 prepayment speed assumption, so you would be</p> <p>23 able to get that data pretty readily from</p> <p>24 historical information available in the</p> <p>25 market, as well as from their own servicing</p>